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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT - US ROLE

1. SUMMARY: ON FEB 1 WESTINGHOUSE MET WITH NUCLEBRAS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ROLE IN GOB NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM. GOB REITERATED INTENTIONS FOR COMPLETE PROGRAM. NO INDICATION DEAL WITH KWU/FRG SETTLED. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO DEBRIEFINGS PROVIDED AMBASSADOR AND SCIENCE ATTACHE BY WESTINGHOUSE REP FOR BRAZIL WESTINGHOUSE REPRESENTATIVES VISITING RIO MET WITH NUCLEBRAS PRESIDENT NOGUEIRA BATISTA FOR EXTENDED DISCUSSION SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1. WESTINGHOUSE PRESENTED ITS PROPOSALS AND ARGUMENTS FOR THE SUPERIORITY OF ITS PRESENT CAPABILITY IN NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AS COMPARED TO THE GERMAN CONSORTIUM, WHICH WERE LISTENED TO CAREFULLY BY BATISTA. WESTINGHOUSE APPEARS ENCOURAGED BY THE MEETING AND BELIEVES THERE MAY BE PLACE FOR THEM IN THE BRAZILIAN PROGRAM, EVEN IF GOB AND FRG SHOULD REACH AGREEMENT.

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3. BATISTA NOTED WESTINGHOUSE/EMBASSY EFFORTS TO REACH

MINISTER UEKI, SUGGESTED THAT HENCEFORTH WESTINGHOUSE WORK THROUGH HIM, AND PROMISED HE WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING BEFORE END OF FEBRUARY. BATISTA SAID AT LEAST HE AND DR. CARLOS SYLLUS WOULD BE VISITING US WITHIN TWO MONTHS AND COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR TRAVEL DURING FEBRUARY.

4. BATISTA REITERATED BRAZIL'S INTENT TO ESTABLISH A COMPLETE ENERGY CYCLE WITHIN THE COUNTRY. HE SAID USG MUST COME UP WITH A NEW STATEMENT ON THE TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO BACK THE WESTINGHOUSE POSITION. WHAT IS NEEDED IN THE ENRICHMENT AREA, HE ADDED, IS NOT A COMMITMENT WITH REGARD TO SUPPLY OF ENRICHMENT SERVICES, BUT A STATEMENT AS TO HOW BRAZIL WOULD BE ABLE IN THE FUTURE TO PARTICIPATE AND BECOME A PARTNER IN ENRICHMENT CAPABILITY. (FYI LOCAL GE REP REPORTED THAT BATISTA ALLEGEDLY WENT TO GERMANY WEEK OF FEB 3 TO IMPROVE DEAL FOR GETTING BECKER NOZZLE PROCESS AND OBTAIN BACK-UP COMMITMENTS ON ENRICHED URANIUM SUPPLY OR CENTRIFUGE TECHNOLOGY FROM FRG. END FYI). BATISTA MADE A PASSING REFERENCE TO THE PITFALLS OF LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS.

5. BATISTA ALSO ADDED THAT BRAZIL WOULD BE ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE MORE FAVORABLE FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS THAN STANDARD PRACTICES. HE SPOKE FAVORABLY OF HIGH PRIORITY EXIMBANK CURRENTLY GIVING NUCLEAR POWER DEVELOPMENT.

6. NUCLEBRAS STATUES PUBLISHED JAN 31 IN OFFICIAL JOURNAL. COPY AND DIGEST WILL BE SENT BY CONGEN RIO VIA AIRGRAM TO DEPARTMENT.
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